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Summary: Eagleman directs the Laboratory for Perception and Action and the Initiative on Neuroscience and Law at Baylor College of Medicine.

(September 16, 2011)-Guggenheim Fellow David Eagleman, a neuroscientist and a New York Times bestselling author, will give the first fall convocation at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, in the Student Center's Edson Auditorium. The convocation is free and open to the public.

Eagleman directs the Laboratory for Perception and Action and the Initiative on Neuroscience and Law at Baylor College of Medicine. He has authored, *SUM*, an international bestselling work of fiction, *Why the Net Matters*, and *Incognito: The Secret Lives of the Brain*. Says Eagleman, "I'm a neuroscientist during the day and a fiction writer at night."

Often called the "Carl Sagan of neuroscience," Eagleman is known for his active exploration of ideas. If the conscious mind—the part you consider you—accounts for only a fraction of the brain's function, he asks, what is all the rest doing?

In addition to his evening presentation, Eagleman will visit two classrooms on Wednesday, September 28: Professor of Psychology Jeff Ratliff-Crain's biopsychology class and Associate Professor of Biology Paul Myers' neurobiology class.

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